

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SIMULATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the National Center for Simulation (NCS), headquartered in Orlando, Florida, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. Since 1993, NCS's mission has been to "serve as the nation's focal point and as a catalyst for the development, understanding, and advancement of simulation and related technologies; to improve defense readiness and facilitate space exploration; to support education and training initiatives; and to extend useful applications of simulation."

NCS is a consortium that facilitates collaboration and networking among its local, national and international membership. Home to acquisition commands for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, the University of Central Florida, the Air Force Agency for Modeling Simulation and over 150 industry companies, Orlando is a focal point for cooperative and collaborative efforts across diverse fields.

NCS fosters relationships between these varied communities to help disperse resources and innovations in modeling, simulation and training to those industries which may benefit from the knowledge. These relationships result in new understandings in fields such as health care, transportation, entertainment or even military readiness. In addition, their advancements support our workforce and business development, as well as growth in education.

As membership continues to grow and strengthen bonds across diverse communities, I would like to congratulate NCS on its successes and advancements thus far, and trust NCS will continue to provide us with the latest ideas and efforts in simulation, modeling and training.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL DARREN HALL

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Lieutenant Colonel Darren Hall, United States Air Force for his 21 years of service to our nation and to congratulate him on his announced retirement.

Lieutenant Colonel Darren Hall is the Joint Staff/J-4, Deputy Chief of the Distribution Division and is responsible for shepherding programs related to air mobility through the Joint Capability Integration Development System (JCIDS) and providing inputs on all current,

planned, and potential mobility platforms across the Department of Defense. Lt. Col. Hall also serves as the J-4 representative in the National Military Command Center during exercises and crisis/contingency operations.

Having received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1993, Lt. Col. Hall has served in a variety of leadership and staff positions at the wing, major command, and air staff level. Additionally, he is a command pilot with more than 3,000 hours in the C-21A, KC-135R, T-1A, and T-37.

During his service to our nation, Darren has received multiple awards and decorations including: the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Darren is married to Sophia and they are the proud parents of Cord, Michael, Xavier, Cameron, and Maxwell. Lt. Col. Hall's hometown is Newport News, Virginia, and I am proud to say that Darren and his family have chosen Bristow, Virginia, as their new home.

XAVIER CORRAL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Xavier Corral for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Xavier Corral is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Xavier Corral is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Xavier Corral for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING DR. KANT TUCKER AND DR. IRMA HARRIMAN'S 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Dr. Kant Tucker and

Dr. Irma Harriman on the special occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Dr. Tucker, who was born in Mumbai, moved to the United States in 1975 with just eight dollars in his pocket, a plane ticket that was purchased by his siblings and a bag of clothes. Unaware of the trials and tribulations that lay ahead, Dr. Tucker was determined to make a living and stay true to his humble beginnings.

During his first months in the United States, Dr. Tucker struggled to earn a living. He was hired as a dishwasher at a fast food chain for only a short time before he was let go. The owners believed that he was a short term employee because he was a medical school graduate.

He continued his search for a career as a doctor, hoping that he would find a hospital that would accept him as an intern. On one occasion, Dr. Tucker was on his way to St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx to interview for an internship when he was mugged at gunpoint causing him to miss his appointment. Although discouraged and disappointed, Dr. Tucker went back to the hospital for a second interview, where he was later offered an internship. From there, Dr. Tucker went on to complete a residency in Jersey City and then to research positions at hospitals in New York and California.

During the course of Dr. Tucker's career, he was also able to find love. In the early 1980s, Dr. Tucker was an assistant professor of nephrology at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) where he met Irma Harriman. Seven years after Irma Harriman became his partner in his Simi Valley practice, they married.

In Dr. Tucker, Dr. Harriman saw the same determination and idealism that she saw in herself and related to the same barriers that she, too, had faced. The pair symbolized hard work and determination. Despite the adversity that both Dr. Tucker and Dr. Harriman faced, they remained persistent in their pursuit of success, always remaining true to their upbringing.

Today, Dr. Tucker and Dr. Harriman operate nine dialysis centers throughout Southern California. Currently living across the Santa Susana Pass, Dr. Tucker and Dr. Harriman never forget the experiences, people, and opportunities that shaped their lives.

I want to sincerely thank Dr. Tucker and Dr. Harriman for their generosity and commitment to our community and wish them all the best upon the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. I applaud the love and support they have both provided each other over the years, and I know that there are many more memories to be made.

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